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BUSINESS LICENSES

Council skeptical of vendor fingerprinting plan

By Michael J. Ballway
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Before passing a requirement that certain vendors get fingerprinted, the City Council wants a little more background.

Councilors last week balked at the \$100 cost of the procedure, questioned whether it represents an improvement over the CORI

(criminal record) check and said it would make the town seem unfriendly to business. They asked that Police Chief Eric Gillis attend the next Legislative Subcommittee meeting, April 16, or the next meeting of the full council, on April 21, to answer their questions.

The proposed ordinance would require that anyone apply-

ing for five specific types of business license — alcoholic beverage establishment manager, peddler or solicitor, taxi service owner or operator, dealer of second-hand articles, ice cream truck vendor — be fingerprinted at the applicant's expense. Police would check the prints against state and federal databases as part of a background check on the applicant. The fee for

fingerprinting would be \$100, of which \$30 covers the fee that Agawam would pay to the state.

At an April 6 meeting, several city councilors said the fee appeared unnecessarily high.

"I'm not quite sure how we arrived at that number," Councilor Robert Rossi said. According to state law, he added, "we can't really charge anything more than

what's commensurate with the cost of the service."

"It doesn't seem to me like it would be very business-friendly," said Council President Christopher Johnson.

Reached after the meeting, Mayor Richard Cohen said the \$100 fee represents the actual cost.

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GROUNDBREAKING



Dog lovers, contractors, and town officials, and of course, some dogs, join Mayor Richard Cohen for the official groundbreaking of the Agawam Dog Park at Shea Park on Tuesday afternoon. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Construction begins on canine play area at Shea Park

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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In 2010, Scott Milliken posted an advertisement in the Agawam Advertiser News look-

ing for interested people to come to a meeting to talk about a possible dog park.

Five years later, Milliken and several more members of the Agawam Dog Owners Group, a nonprofit entity dedicated to building a safe place for animals to roam and play, joined Mayor Richard Cohen and town officials in the groundbreaking of

what will become the Agawam Dog Park located at Shea Park. The groundbreaking was held Tuesday afternoon.

The town of Agawam secured a grant from the Stanton Foundation that secured some of the funding, and ADOG has also raised and donated more than \$25,000 toward the project. Money from the Community Preser-

vation Act fund was also used in the project. CPA Administrator Jennifer Bonfiglio said \$14,145 in CPA funds were used.

Two weeks ago, Cohen granted the bid for the 1 1/2-acre "first phase" of the park to JL Construction of West Springfield. The Stanton Foundation provided \$181,801.99 toward the project,

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GOLF

Back on course?

Council still keeping an eye on municipal golf budget

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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As the town golf course reopens for another season, city councilors are again taking a close look at the green.

Depending on spring weather and business conditions, the Agawam Municipal Golf Course could finish fiscal 2015 profitable, enabling it to pay back the \$91,000 that the City Council lent to it back in the fall. Or it could register a loss, which would be the fourth in five years.

The council's Ad Hoc Golf Committee met Monday to review the budget and hear a report from General Manager Tony Roberto.

Golfers have now returned to daily play, Roberto said, and the Southwick Street facility managed to weather the long winter with relatively little damage.

"Many other courses [have] had more damage than us," said Roberto. "We were lucky there was

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PUBLIC WORKS

Town to hold cleanup day in May

By Michael J. Ballway
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Finally, there's someone who can do something about the litter on that street, the pile of trash in that vacant lot, the empty bottles and cups strewn around that park.

You.

The Department of Public Works is declaring May 2 to be "Agawam Clean" day in the town, and asking citizens to organize groups to tackle litter in any section of town where they find it — whether on streets, sidewalks, schoolyards, fields, parks, parking lots or neglected property. Tracy DeMaio,

who coordinates solid waste removal for the DPW, is leading the effort.

"It can be any space, if there's a volunteer out there that really has an area they want to target," she said. "If it's an eyesore to them, it's an eyesore to someone else."

Mayor Richard Cohen credited DeMaio with coming up with the "very exciting" idea of a volunteer cleanup day after seeing months' worth of litter recently exposed by the melting snow.

So far, said DeMaio, a Girl Scout troop has expressed interest in participating. The town posted a call for volunteers on its website this week, and

retired Agawam High School science teacher Nancy Bobskill, who runs the Helga's Zero Waste Movement blog (helgazerowaste.blogspot.com) has been drumming up support among her readers, DeMaio said.

After assembling a team and finding a space to clean, DeMaio asks litter busters to call the DPW at 413-821-0624 and claim the spot. A map of claimed territories will be posted at agawam.ma.us.

Groups can clean their territory at any time, although the DPW is suggesting 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 2. Groups are invited to take "be-

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Pride of the Yankees



Actor and writer Jim Cooke brought to life four leaders from Massachusetts history during a presentation last Friday at the Agawam Public Library. More photos, page 20. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK



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Volunteers sought to flag graves

The Agawam Veterans' Council is seeking volunteers to flag veterans' graves Saturday, April 25. Anyone interested in participating is asked to meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. The rain date is Saturday, May 2.

Library friends hosting 3D art show in June

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library will hold its first Open Juried 3D Art Object Show, June 12 and 13. There are 27 awards with cash prizes totaling \$1,250. The awards are made up of best in show, first, second and third prizes in each of five categories, 10 honorable mentions, and an artists' choice award.

The 3D Art Object Show is to benefit the Agawam Public Library and to help recognize and to draw upon the many talented and upcoming artists in the area. The art objects juried into the show will be on display Friday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 13, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

There are five categories and media:

- Sculpture — traditional/single media: An object created using a single material, such as, but not limited to, stone, bronze, cast, wood, ceramics, plastic
- Sculpture — contemporary/mixed media: An object combining more than one material, including recyclables and found objects
- Artisan/craft — jewelry/metals/glass
- Artisan/craft — furniture/wood/fabrics

• Artisan/craft — ceramics/gourds

Don Blanton and Robert Markey will judge the entries and award best in show, first, second and third place prizes in each of five categories and 10 honorable mentions. A sculptor, painter, and art teacher, Blanton displayed 22 of his works in 2013 at Disney World in the African-inspired Animal Kingdom Lodge. He works extensively with children in his after-school program at his Distinctive Art Studio and contributes to special needs and at-risk children in the greater Springfield area through his art instruction. Markey works in many media, including painting, sculpture, installation, video, and mosaics. His public art projects appear in several major U.S. cities, and his mosaic murals are seen in Brazil, Chile, Cambodia, Mexico, Sri Lanka, and the U.S. He uses his talents in mosaic murals to reach disadvantaged children in Brazil and Asia.

Early-bird deadline May 20

The last day to enter the show is Wednesday, June 3. A one-day drop-off of three-dimensional objects at the library is Wednesday, June 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Jurying and judging is Thursday, June 11, at 10:30 a.m. and is closed to the

public.

The cost to enter is \$25 for early-bird registration with entry form by Wednesday, May 20, and \$30 per entry with entry form thereafter through Wednesday, June 3. Multiple entries per category are allowed. The fee applies to each entry. All submissions, except hanging objects, should be on forms or stands ready for viewing. All three-dimensional art objects must be original and made by the artist or artisan.

The prospectus-entry form can be downloaded from www.agawamlibrary.org/about/friends.htm. Winning artwork from previous Friends fine art and photography shows can be accessed from the same website.

For more information, email Bob Kadis at r.kadis@comcast.net or to receive a prospectus-entry form in the mail, call him at 413-789-4814.

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Parks & Rec seeks assistant swim coach

The town of Agawam Park and Recreation Department is currently accepting applications for assistant swim coach. Applicants must be 18 years or older, must have previous competitive swimming experience and must be available to work evenings and weekends. The starting salary for this position is \$9 per hour.

Applications are available at the personnel office, 36 Main St. For more information, call the Park and Recreation Department at 413-821-0514.

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Auditions set for 'Peanuts' show

Auditions have been set for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown", to be presented by Kit & Kaboodle Teen Ensemble Theatre at the Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. Auditions will be conducted by directors Marilene Allen and Lyle Pearsons Sunday, April 19, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

All are invited to try out for their favorite Peanuts character, Charlie, Lucy, Linus and Snoopy. Show dates for this family production will be Friday and Saturday, June 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 21, at 2 p.m. Prospective actors ages 13 to 23 should come prepared to sing and do a short cold reading and bring sheet music or a karaoke CD. Dan Kehoe, musical director, will accompany.

For more information, visit www.reddoortheatre.com.

Authors sought for book-signing event

The Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., is looking for authors to participate in its fourth annual READLocal Book Signing event to be held Monday, June 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will be the kickoff event to the library's 11th Adult Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is "Escape the Ordinary."

The event will be held in the community room and each author will have their own table on which to set up a display, meet and greet readers and sell books.

Interested authors must have published a book for adults and not have previously participated in an author event at the Agawam library. Book summaries and contact information may be emailed to Wendy McAnanama at wmcananama@agawamlibrary.org by Friday, May 15. Space is limited.

Town pledges to conserve water

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Are you ready to take the water conservation pledge?

People throughout Agawam have been, and as of early Wednesday morning, the town was in 16th place in the fourth annual National Mayors' Challenge for Water Conservation.

While there are numerous towns throughout the western part of the country participating in the contest, Agawam is one of just two municipalities in Massachusetts that has decided to get involved. Boston is the other one.

"I think it is extremely important that we be educated about our water and that we make an effort to conserve water whenever we can," said Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen.

Many of the cities leading the challenge are in California, which is facing drought conditions, but Cohen said the pledge is in some ways just as relevant to Massachusetts.

"This is not just a contest to pledge to conserve water," the mayor said. "It is also about pledging to be responsible, like not harming our water and putting contaminants in it."

Cohen said recently a drug take-back box was installed in the lobby of the Agawam Police Department. It allows residents to drop off unused medications that otherwise might be dumped down the drain in the toilet or sink. The federal Environmental Protection Agency is now advising people that flushing medications and other chemicals can harm the water.

Tracy DeMaio, the solid waste and stormwater coordinator in the Department of Public Works, says Agawam

residents have been conscientious over the years when it comes to both areas.

"We have a lot of people that have worked to conserve water through the use of rain barrels and other tools that we have offered people, like controls for the kitchen faucets," said DeMaio. "Taking this pledge and being educated is just another tool for us to work at keeping our water clean."

Agawam actually helps provide water to Springfield through Provin Mountain. Agawam has some of the cleanest and purest water in the region, and DeMaio believes that is a great reason for the town to participate in a friendly competition.

"It's a lot of fun to try and see how we can measure up to towns and cities throughout the region," said DeMaio.

To take the pledge is very easy. Simply visit www.mywaterpledge.com and sign up with an email address or Facebook page. Pledge signers will be asked to enter some basic information.

"It's very easy to do and we hope more people will take part throughout the month," said DeMaio.

The mayor has been encouraging students and town and school employees to also take the pledge and set an example for all residents.

Between April 13 and 15, the town jumped from 20th to 16th place in a competition with other cities and towns across the country with populations between 5,000 and 29,999. When Cohen took the pledge a week earlier, Agawam was placed 77th.

"I'm very proud of our current standing and that people are taking this pledge," said Cohen.

The pledge will be available for the remainder of the month.

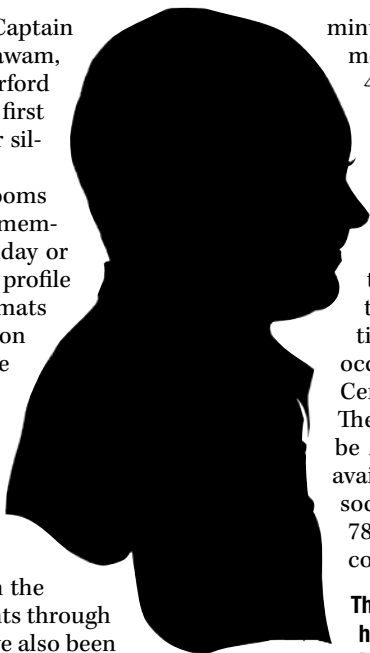
Leonard House to host silhouette artist

Just in time for Mother's Day, the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam, will host silhouette artist Marcella Comerford all day on Saturday, May 2. This is the first time since 2012 that authentic cut-paper silhouettes have been offered there.

Silhouettes are instant family heirlooms and are a great way to document family members of every age. They make ideal birthday or Mother's Day gifts. Silhouettes are \$35 per profile and \$15 for a duplicate copy; frames and mats will be available for sale that day. A portion of the proceeds of this event will aid in the preservation of the 200-year-old Captain Leonard House.

Using only her trained artistic eye, delicate scissors, and fine black paper, Comerford creates her silhouettes in minutes. She does not use a shadow or tracing method. She and her mother are two of only about 15 silhouette artists in the United States, and have appeared at events through New England. Comerford silhouettes have also been featured in Yankee Magazine.

Reservations are required and are being taken in 10-



minute increments from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to reserve a sitting, call 413-786-9421.

The Captain Charles Leonard House was built in 1805 as a stage tavern to service travelers on the Hartford-Boston route. It has served as Agawam's Community House since 1939, when Minerva Davis restored the property and created the nonprofit organization that operates the house. The house was placed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and occupies a prominent location in the Agawam Center National Register Historic District. The Captain Leonard House is considered to be Agawam's finest Federal-era home and is available to rent for business functions and social events. For more information, call 413-786-9421 or visit www.captainleonardhouse.com.

The Captain Charles Leonard House will host silhouette artist Marcella Comerford on Saturday, May 2, with proceeds to benefit the historic Main Street landmark. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Organ donors save lives

Does your driver's license have a heart? It should if you do.

About half of adult Massachusetts residents have the little red heart in the corner of their driver's license or state ID card, indicating that they're willing to serve as an organ donor when they die.

You won't need your heart, your lungs, your kidneys, your liver, when you're gone. But someone else might. What better way to leave this life than by giving the gift of life to someone else?

The life you save may be someone close to you — if not emotionally, perhaps geographically.

Last week, we told you the story of Paige Anderson ("Making a Match," page 1), one of your neighbors, whose life was saved by a friend who donated his kidney — and they weren't even a match.

Through an exchange program, her friend Jason Weaver was able to donate his kidney to another waiting patient, and someone close to that patient donated a matching kidney to Anderson.

She has two people to thank: her friend Jason and the donor from the exchange.

Some other people aren't so lucky. According to the New England Organ Bank, 18 people die in America each day because a matching organ couldn't be found for transplant. A new name is added to the transplant waiting list every 11 minutes. There are more than 120,000 people across the country waiting for transplants.

Living donors like Jason Weaver are making a big and difficult decision — elective surgery, and the risk that they might have needed that "spare" kidney later in their own life. It's a step that most of us would only take if it meant saving the life of a family member or close friend.

But signing up as an organ donor at the end of life shouldn't be a hard decision. Organs and tissues are removed surgically, making an open-casket funeral just as easy for a donor as for someone who had surgery while still alive. Doctors won't treat you any differently — they take an oath to save lives, period, regardless of whether the patient's death would benefit someone else.

April is National Donate Life Month. If you're not yet an organ donor, take some time this month to sign up. Start at <https://secure.rmv.state.ma.us/OrganDonor/intro.aspx> — most people can complete the no-cost registration entirely online.

Knowing that this simple, no-cost step could save a life should make your heart grow. And that could be good news someday for someone else.

What do you think? Send your letter to the editor to aan@turley.com.

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FAITH MATTERS

Living lessons of tax season

Lately it's been good to see April showers in hopes of May flowers. But for a lot of people, April just means taxes are due. Even back in the time of Jesus, taxes were front and center on people's minds. In Matthew 22:15-12, we read an account of the Pharisees (the lawyers of that day) trying to get Jesus into trouble. They said, "Teacher, we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, famously responded: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

Have you ever had somebody try to trick you into saying something in hopes that they could get you in trouble? As a kid, I can remember many such occasions where somebody was just trying to set me up. Unfortunately, I can recall a time or two as an adult also. "You're so great!

You're not afraid to give your opinion! Tell us what you think. ..." In this New Testament passage we hear just that kind of story. They tried to trap Jesus into taking a stand on whether the Jews should or should not pay taxes to the Romans. Either a yes or no answer would have gotten Jesus in trouble. "Yes" would discredit him with his followers; "No" would subject him to possible arrest. Both sides probably thought Jesus would oppose the tax, like most of his followers. So their first tactic was flattery, praising his integrity and devotion to truth. But Jesus called them hypocrites, and then asked them to show him the Roman coin that resulted in him saying, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and give to God what is God's." It was an ambiguous answer, more than sufficiently safe in that it did not give any reason for either side to take offense. And they were probably more than a little disappointed at that.

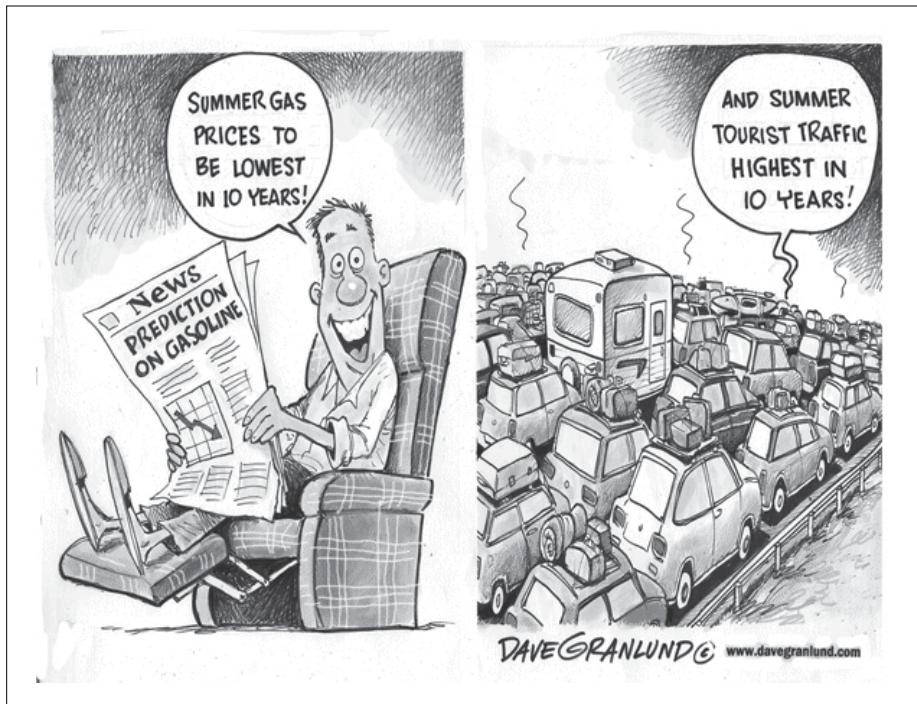
Ambiguous as it was, it raised a question that was as relevant then as it is today: What

belongs to God, and what belongs to "Caesar"? That's a good question to ponder. Answers may vary according to our own experience and reason, and according to the traditions we grew up with. And it shows us that the Bible is a living word. Likewise, the spoken word preached from pulpits is a living word. The miracle is in the hearing. Did you ever notice how different people might hear the same exact sermon, yet get something entirely different from it? The Holy Spirit is giving a word for them — in fact, some people feel at times that the preacher is speaking directly to them. So it is with the written word — the Bible. Sometimes we can re-read a particular Bible passage, and get something entirely different from it. Words might jump off the page to us. Or, in discussing it with others, we find other perspectives, other truths emerge that we might not have considered before. It is a miracle of the living word. The scriptures are relevant to our daily lives. Even during tax season!

Ken Blanchard is pastor of Agawam United Methodist Church.



Pastor Ken Blanchard



YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Rich and Christina Morassi

Hopefully, you read Greg Scibelli's article in the April 9 issue of the Advertiser News about the upcoming April 30 symposium at our town library. By now you should be reading "The Invention of Wings." If you read like my 12-year-old granddaughter Olivia Salva, you will only need a couple of days. She reads more in a week than most of us do in a month, or, for some people, a year. It's nice to see a young person that would rather read than play a video game.

The symposium organized by Richard Morassi will be similar to the one held on April 6, 1989. Participants, who had read a fable and a short story in advance, broke up into groups to discuss their opinions and ideas. AHS English teachers Joanne Brown, Judy Lech, Larry O'Brien and Rosemary Stratton acted as facilitators. You may remember that Joanne Brown was Joanne Cimaroli '64 and Rosemary Stratton was Rosemary Massa '57. Here are some more of the 55-plus participants: Joe, Ed and Donna Modzelewski, Mary and Gerry O'Keefe, John and Cathy DeBonville, Jim Bruno, Wayne Macey, Irene Thomas, Lou Massoia, high school students Missy Brown, Michelle Willard and Christina Morassi, and Advertiser News editor Ric Sardella.

In the fall of 1963, about 14 recent AHS graduates were beginning their freshman year at UMass. They were led by Paul Halbach, who had graduated third in his class, and John Kosinski, who had graduated fifth. Paul had scored over 1400 on

his SATs in his senior year and John hadn't even bothered to take them because he had scored two identical 677s in his junior year. Both Paul and John later graduated with honors in 1967. Big surprise! Also at UMass at the same time was Richard Morassi '59, who had a few more credits left in order to graduate in January. Back at AHS, Rich had participated in hockey, football, student council and student patrol. In his senior year he was encouraged to write for the Mirror and wrote a column titled, "Who's Who in Sports."

Maybe that was a hint that Rich was not just an athlete. After UMass, Rich got his law degree from Boston University. After passing the bar exam he worked for three and a half years for Berkshire Legal Services in Pittsfield, but then moved back to Agawam where he was in private practice until his retirement in 2004. From 2000 to 2004, he was on the Town Council, where he was known to be pro-education and a supporter of programs for special needs children. Rich married his wife Linda in 1964. They met at UMass and Rich credits Linda with putting him through law school. Their daughter Christina graduated from AHS in '89 and now works in the Oakland, Calif., area, where she is an adviser to women seeking to start or improve their own business.

Josephine Kida, mother of the Kida drummers, called from California to thank us for the story featuring her boys. She and her husband Chester both grew up on



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Visit with Ulysses Grant concludes Applause Series

The Agawam Cultural Council concludes the 11th season of its popular Applause Series on Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m. with visit by “Gen. Ulysses S. Grant” at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

After an introduction of Grant’s life by “Mrs. Julia D. Grant,” the engagements, habits and contributions of the great Civil War general will be explored by Sam Grant through the use of lively and often humorous anecdotes, letters and his impressions of the times.

A highly acclaimed academic and motivational speaker, film producer, and United States Navy veteran, Grant has dedicated the last 20-plus years of his life to understanding, portraying and honoring Ulysses S. Grant. His inspiring and informative presentation will leave attend-



The 11th season of the Agawam Cultural Council’s Applause Series concludes May 8 when Sam Grant presents a first-person visit with the great Civil War general Ulysses S. Grant at the Agawam Public Library. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ees with the overwhelming feeling that they have experienced the true General Grant, up close and personal, as history should be.

The Agawam Public Library can be reached by phone at 413-789-1550. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

Additional information is available at www.agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.

Are You Old News?



Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to aan@turley.com. Please include your first and last name.

Last week’s photo: Correctly identifying Ron Weiners was Matt Blackak.



Family picnic to benefit Thomas Smith House

The Agawam Historical Association will host a fundraiser to benefit the Thomas Smith House Saturday, May 16, from noon to 3 p.m. The day’s events will include a family picnic, a May Pole Celebration, a bake sale and tours of the historic house at 251 N. West St., Feeding Hills.

All are invited to bring a picnic lunch. A \$10 per family donation will include beverage and ice cream dessert. Beverages will be provided by Dave’s Soda and Pet City.

Rain date is Sunday, May 17. For more information, visit thethomassmithhouse.com.

Knife painter at artists’ meeting May 13

The Agawam Community Artists and Artisans meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at 7 p.m. will feature Mary Rozman in the community room of the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

Rozman will cover doing a pallet knife painting in oil (Holbein water soluble), including how to handle the knife and techniques to use the knife as a tool, replacing the brush.

Guests are always welcome.

Lunker Trout Derby set for April 19

The 26th annual Mawaga Lunker Trout Derby is scheduled for Sunday, April 19, at 377 Adams St., Agawam. A full breakfast will be offered at 7 a.m. Lunch will also be available.

Fishing will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$15 donation and no limit on trout. Bait will be available. No license is required. The day’s events will also include a giant raffle and door prizes.

Cash prizes for largest trout will be awarded at \$500 for first place and \$100 for second place. There will also be a \$100 prize for tagged trout pool plus \$100 random size match.

Ticket sales are limited so all those that are interested are encouraged to register early. The public is welcome.

For more information, call 413-262-7401 or 413-265-0851.

Babysitting program cancelled

The Babysitting Basics program scheduled for May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., has been cancelled. The program will be rescheduled at a later time. For more information, visit agawamchildrenslibrary@gmail.com or call the children’s desk at 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

Free document shredding for residents

Agawam’s Department of Public Works will host free document shredding for residents on Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to noon at the DPW Annex, 1000 Suffield St.

“I am very pleased to offer this opportunity to the residents of Agawam as it is not only environmentally beneficial but also provides a safe place for the disposal of confidential papers to prevent identity theft in our community,” said Mayor Richard Cohen. “I am sure that this shredding event will be as successful as the past ones.”

Shredding old documents such as bank statements, medical records, bills, canceled checks and legal papers is the key to avoiding identity theft. For more information on how to protect your identity, visit the Federal Trade Commission website at www.consumer.ftc.gov

Valley Green Shredding will provide an on-site mobile shred unit to securely and confidentially shred residential documents for free. Residents are asked to limit their confidential documents to five standard-size boxes. All three-ring binders and binder clips should be removed. Paper clips, staples, spiral bound notebooks are all acceptable.

For more information, contact the DPW at 413-821-0624.



Christina Morassi



Richard Morassi

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San Miguel Street in Springfield. Chester was a ball turret gunner in World War II and his squadron was called Peyton’s Pack. Chester’s B-24 flew 25 missions and he was highly decorated when he came home, lucky to be alive. In the early ’90s, Josephine and Chester left Agawam to be with their boys in California, where they had 18 years until Chester passed away in 2007. Thank God for America’s Greatest Generation.

Tie colors one day last week: Netanyahu and Obama, bright blue; Neal, Kerry and a local TV newsmen, orange; a local TV weatherman, purple. If we don’t own any ties of these colors, are we supposed to buy them to be cool?

You know you’re getting old when someone shows you your high school basketball team’s picture and you don’t recognize yourself.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



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Cigarette butts, bottles and papers litter a patch of grass under the power lines off Cooper Street. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

CLEANUP ■ from page 1

fore and after" photos and share them with the DPW.

During this inaugural year, the DPW is asking cleaning teams to bag the litter they pick up and include it in their members' weekly trash pickups. In some other towns with similar cleanup days, the DPW provides trash bags, gloves and pickup on the day of the event. DeMaio said Agawam is considering that for future years.

She said she hopes Agawam Clean will become an annual event every spring. She could not recall any town-sponsored event like this in Agawam in the past, though she noted that the DPW has provided some assistance to Connecticut and Westfield

river watershed associations, and scouting groups, in their cleanup efforts, and the town Beautification Committee has organized cleanups of its own.

No bulk items or construction waste should be included in trash bags to be picked up. DeMaio said any group finding such items should contact the DPW.

In addition to being visually unappealing, litter represents a hazard for wildlife and waterways. During rain storms, trash left on the street could wash into storm drains, which empty directly into the brooks and streams that feed the Westfield and Connecticut rivers.

Theater camp applications available

Applications are available for summer theater camps at the Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield St., Feeding Hills. The 23-year-old theater offers camps for ages 8-15, which all culminate in four productions open to the paying public. There are also three junior camps open to 5- to 9-year-olds, which end with a showcase of the musical "E-I-E-I-Oops!" for parents and invited guests. They run June 29 to July 3, July 20-24 and Aug. 10-14.

This year's other camp productions are camp A: "Happily Ever What!?" a mixed-up fairy tale fantasy by Agawam's Marilene Allen set for July 6-12.

Camp B is "Quest for Aladdin's Lamp" by Lyle Pearsons of Agawam, scheduled for July 13-19. Pearsons also wrote the camp C selection, "Cutlass of the Sea" for the older actors, ages 10-15. The play is based on the Irish female pirate Grace O'Malley and will run July 17 to Aug. 2. The final camp D will present "The Snoop Troop Agency" by Southwick's Margie Secora. This mystery comedy of a young detective agency is scheduled for Aug. 3-9.

Applications may be submitted online at www.reddoortheatre.com through the summer camp registration page.

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not much when the snow finally melted."

Roberto said he is looking to complete spring cleanup work during the next four weeks. Minor repairs will be needed for the irrigation system, though.

The course, which is supposed to operate as a self-sustaining enterprise, has \$142,084 on hand to fund operations for the remaining two and a half months of the fiscal year. The budget is set by the previous year's revenues, said Roberto, and has declined to below \$600,000 per year. He said the course has used 75 percent of its operating budget during the first nine and a half months of the fiscal year.

Council Vice President Dennis Perry, chairman of the Golf Committee, said improving the golf course will be a long process, and it may take several meetings and brainstorming sessions to return the course to profitability.

Perry said he plans to review past budgets with Roberto in the near future to learn more about the different line items. Roberto will then begin providing regular reports to city councilors to keep them apprised of the course's progress. Roberto is hoping to for a better year, now that the weather has improved.

Roberto said he has already begun several positive efforts to make improvements to the course.

He said he has reached an agreement with the mayor and the Parks and Recreation Department to offer an eight-week junior golf camp to help introduce younger players to the game, as well as involve play-

ers at the high school level in the summer. Roberto is looking to nearby golf courses to offer a driving range option.

He said some additional lighting has been installed on the outside borders of the parking lot, a suggestion that had been made by Councilor George Bitzas last fall.

Roberto has put a lot of work into the restaurant and banquet facilities. Banquets and parties have been increasing and a new chef has helped bring better practices and better quality of food, recently, he said.

"There is an emphasis on using fresh food and providing quality service to our customers," said Roberto.

All members of the City Council were invited to this week's meeting. Councilor Robert Rossi asked Roberto if he could report the number of rounds of golf played by members, who do not pay for each individual round, as opposed to non-members, who do. Roberto said such an advanced point-of-sale system would cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Also at the meeting, Councilor James Cichetti took a seat on the board, replacing Councilor Gina Letellier, who recently resigned from the Golf Committee.

The ad hoc committee was organized last year after city councilors expressed concern about declining revenues at the golf course. In addition to the \$91,000 to cover potential shortfalls in this year's budget, the City Council spent \$22,245 in November to cover golf course losses from fiscal 2014.

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"It's based on what other communities do, what [their] administrative costs are. It's also used for the replacement of equipment and supplies," Cohen said. "This is the first time we're doing it, so these are our best estimates."

Cohen said the proposed fingerprinting law would only apply to a few licensed occupations, not to every business license in town.

"If somebody wants a tag sale permit, they're not getting fingerprinted," Cohen said. "This is about protecting the safety of our community and our neighborhoods. So that when vendors come in, we know where they are, who they are and whether or not we're even going to give them a license."

Though Johnson said he'd been told by police that a fingerprint-based background check is no better than the CORI check that is already being with for certain business

licenses, the mayor said the fingerprint check yields information from more databases and, unlike CORI, verifies identity absolutely.

Cohen said that to his knowledge, the town has not had any problems with CORI checks in the past.

At the meeting, Councilor Paul Cavallo asked why a fingerprint check — and another \$100 fee — would be required for annual license renewals, rather than just new applications.

"How do fingerprints change?" he asked.

Cohen said the check needs to be done every year, "if they committed a crime from one season to another."

The council voted 10-0, with one absent member, to take no action on the proposed fingerprinting law until its next meeting.

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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 77 EMS calls for the week of March 31 to April 6, and the following emergency response calls for March 31 to April 13.

On March 31 at 10:27 a.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.

On March 31 at 11:48 a.m., the department responded to Keller Circle for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.

On March 31 at 1:39 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for sprinkler activation due to malfunction.

On March 31 at 4:32 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for natural vegetation fire, other.

On March 31 at 5:39 p.m., the department responded to White Fox Road for public service assistance, other.

On April 1 at 4:54 p.m., the department responded to Emerson Road for smoke from barbecue, tar kettle.

On April 1 at 5:39 p.m., the department responded to Lealand Avenue for passenger vehicle fire.

On April 2 at 8:08 a.m., the department responded to Pineview Circle for public service assistance, other.

On April 2 at 5:49 p.m., the department responded to River Road for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.

On April 3 at 10:09 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On April 3 at 8:35 p.m., the department responded to Highland Street for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.

On April 3 at 10:07 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for lockout.

On April 4 at 2:27 p.m., the department responded to Adams Street for unauthorized burning.

On April 4 at 3:07 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.

On April 5 at 2:29 p.m., the department responded to Dover Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On April 6 at 10:20 a.m., the department responded to Sutton Place for public service assistance, other.

On April 6 at 1:15 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for service call, other.

On April 7 at 1:26 p.m., the department responded to Pine Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On April 7 at 6:53 p.m., the department responded to Pleasant Drive for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.

On April 8 at 2:04 p.m., the department responded to North West Street

for oil or other combustible liquid spill.

On April 9 at 11:40 a.m., the department responded to Brookfield Lane to assist invalid.

On April 9 at 1:10 p.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for public service.

On April 10 at 12:42 p.m., the department responded to Southwick Street for public service.

On April 10 at 2:06 p.m., the department responded to Garden Street for false alarm or false call, other.

On April 11 at 10:12 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service.

On April 11 at 6:38 p.m., the department responded to Joseph Street for public service.

On April 11 at 6:40 p.m., the department responded to Ottawa Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On April 12 at 8 a.m., the department responded to Brookfield Lane for public service assistance, other.

On April 13 at 11:42 a.m., the department responded to Garden Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On April 13 at 11:45 a.m., the department responded to Wagon Wheel Drive for good intent call, other.

On April 13, at 6:21 p.m., the department responded to Garden Street for brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 285 calls for service from April 7 to April 13. The department made three arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Saturday, March 11

Bryan J. Shannahan, 25, of 222 Exchange St., Apt. 1 / 2, Chicopee, was arrested on a warrant.

A juvenile from Agawam was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery.

Sunday, March 12

Daniel Joseph Searles, 35, of 297 Cooper St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor second offense, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, speeding, sending/receiving electronic message cell phone, marked lanes violation, and failure to signal.

Rx disposal box



Agawam Police now provide a safe alternative for disposing of unwanted prescription medications. Anyone may visit the police headquarters at any time and dispose of prescription medications, patches or ointments, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, sample medications and pet medications in the green Medical Disposal Box in the front lobby at 681 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Certain products, such as hydrogen peroxide, inhalers, aerosol cans, lotions, needles, thermometers and medications from businesses or clinics, are not acceptable. A full list of restrictions is printed on the outside of the box. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Active Lifestyle Fitness schedules blood drive

Active Lifestyle Fitness LLC of Agawam is holding its annual blood drive on Sunday, April 26, from 11 a.m. To 4 p.m. at its 168 Elm St. studio.

“There has been a lot of research done around donating blood and the health benefits to it,” said Ashley Brodeur. “We promote health and wellness at the studio, and this is just another way to incorporate that into our overall message.”

According to doctors, repeated blood donations increases your blood flow. In addition, the American Journal of Epidemiology found that blood donors are 88 percent less likely to suffer a heart attack.

Before you give blood, donors are given a quick physical that measures temperature, pulse, blood pressure and hemoglobin levels. The blood is also sent to a lab where it will undergo 13 tests for infectious diseases. If anything comes back positive, donors will be notified immediately.

The event is open to the public. To register to donate blood, visit www.redcrossblood.org.

New time for Memorial Day parade

The annual Agawam Memorial Day Parade will take place Monday, May 25, at 10 a.m. Residents are asked to note the time change for the parade.

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Children’s programs at the Agawam Public Library

The following children’s programs have been announced by the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

Music Together with Rachel: Thursday, April 30, 10:30 a.m. For children from birth to age 6 with their grown-up.

Meet Toto the Tornado Kitten: Thursday, April 23, 1 p.m. For ages 4 and older. Listen to Toto’s story, then meet the famous cat and his minder, Jonathan. Donations of canned dog or cat food appreciated.

Movie Matinee: Friday, April 24, 3 p.m. No registration required. Bring your favorite stuffed puppy to watch an oldie but goodie, “101 Dalmatians.” This animated Disney classic is based on the children’s story by Dodie Smith. Rated G; 80 minutes. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

To register, visit www.agawamlibrary.org and go to the children’s page, or call the children’s desk at 413-789-1550, ext. 3.

ACC seeks new members

The Agawam Cultural Council will meet Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. The meeting is open to the public.

A great opportunity exists with the ACC for anyone with an interest in providing diverse cultural events for the town. This all-volunteer organization, appointed by the mayor and funded, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, is looking for new members.

The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities and sciences to children and adults from Agawam and surrounding communities.

Tickets available for AJWC fashion show

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women’s Club will hold its 15th annual fashion show on Sunday, April 19, at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. This year’s show, “Fashion in Motion” promises to please the audience with styles from Dress Barn in West Springfield.

The doors open at 10 a.m. for vendor shopping and for raffle basket ticket purchases. Brunch will be served at noon followed by the show.

Tickets, which at \$34 each, are on sale now and may be purchased from any AJWC member or by contacting Christina Beauchemin at 413-427-8784.

All proceeds from this event benefit the AJWC scholarship program, as well as its other educational endeavors. The public is invited to join for an afternoon of fun and fashion.

Vendors, crafters sought for tag sale

The West Springfield Fish & Game Club, 329 Garden St., Feeding Hills, is seeking vendors, crafters and party plan representatives for its “Rent-A-Space Tag Sale” to be held Saturday, May 2, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

No food will be sold by outside vendors. Cost for one 12-foot by 12-foot space is \$20 and \$30 for two 12-foot by 12-foot spaces.

For information on space rentals, call Liz at 860-798-1013 or Randy at 413-846-3433.

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Business

Local publisher to be honored at Small Business Expo

Dee Emery-Ferrero, owner of DEF Enterprises and the publisher of Western Mass. Women Magazine, will be honored as a Successful Woman of Distinction by the national organization Women in Business.org. Ferrero will be honored for her work with non-traditional women in educational scholarships, the Top 25 Women to Watch in Western Mass. annual event and her community involvement. She has been selected to be recognized as a featured honoree at the exclusive Grand Salon during the Small Business Expo at the Javits Center in New York City on June 4.



Dee Emery-Ferrero

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Under the umbrella of DEF Enterprises, Ferrero owns several businesses, including Western Mass. Women Magazine, Hartford County Women Magazine, New England Woman Magazine, Media 9 Marketing Associates, Weddings by Design certified wedding and event planning company and

Statement Skincare & Color Cosmetics.

Ferrero is the immediate past president of the Agawam Small Business Assistance Center and a past president of the Greater Springfield Business and Professional Women's Club. She is the current vice president of the Women Business Owners Alliance of the Pioneer Valley. She serves on the boards of West of the River Chamber of Commerce, the Valley Press Club and the Springfield Technical Community College Business Advisory Board.

Ferrero is a member of several organizations, including the Association of Professional Bridal Consultants, the National Free Press Association, the National Association of Professional Women, the Professional Women's Chamber of Springfield, "Who's Who" in Massachusetts Professional Women and the Connecticut Women's Council. She has received several honors, including the Women Business Owners Alliance "Business Woman of the Year 2011," an Unsung Heroine in Massachusetts award, a Woman of Distinction award from WEIB-FM Radio, and state citations for the Western Mass. Women Magazine.

Legals

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS FY'16 PROPOSED BUDGET

Agawam – According to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 38N, copies of the proposed school department budget shall be available to the public 48 hours prior to the posted public hearing, which is scheduled for **April 28, 2015, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Roberta G. Doering School auditorium. There will be a copy of the proposed budget available in the Superintendent's office located at the Agawam Junior High School and another copy at the Town Clerk's office in the Agawam Town Hall at 68 Main Street, Agawam. 4/16/15

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AGAWAM COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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Notice is hereby given that the Agawam Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will hold its annual public hearing at the Agawam Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 7:00PM. The Committee will provide an overview of the financial performance of the CPA fund as well as share recent accomplishments. The CPC will also welcome input on goals, activities, procedures and spending. The CPC is encouraging residents, town boards, committees and commissions to attend and discuss the needs and possibilities of projects that may qualify for Community Preservation Act funds. Please be advised that the CPA Committee is required by M.G.L. Ch. 44B to consult with existing municipal boards to study the needs, possibilities and resources of the city regarding community preservation.

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.



Manager Brian Thomas, left, and owner Vakny Chonmany spar at Harnessing Muay Boran in Feeding Hills. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Muay Thai studio opens

Harnessing Muay Boran will celebrate its grand opening April 25, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at 338 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills.

The martial arts studio will feature free boxing and Muay Thai demonstrations, health and fitness tips, boxing and MMA gear for sale, free food and a raffle with prizes including a television, according to Muay Boran manager Brian Thomas.

Muay boran (pronounced m-oy boron) literally means "ancient boxing" and is the grandfather art to Muay Thai. Muay Thai is referred to as "the art of eight limbs" and is a kickboxing-style martial art that comes from Thailand. Variations of Muay Thai can also be found in the surrounding countries such as Laos and Burma. Muay Thai utilizes the fists, elbows, knees and legs to strike the opponent. Muay Thai has been made famous by the hard roundhouse kicks and the clinch-with-knee strikes that are associated with the art.

Thomas said Harnessing Muay Boran specifically does not mix other arts into the teaching of Muay Thai, priding itself on being "the only true Muay Thai studio

in Western Mass." Owner and head instructor Vakny Chonmany is from Laos and Thailand, Thomas said, ensuring authenticity. Other touches that set the studio apart are hand-made uniforms custom-made and imported after a November 2014 trip to Laos and Thailand, and a patch system for rank, instead of the traditional belt system, featuring patches with a custom symbol hand-drawn by the head monk of a temple in Laos. The studio also teaches Iron Body techniques that, when practiced for years, render bones and muscles resistant to strikes and nearly unbreakable.

Harnessing Muay Boran also teaches boxing techniques for those who wish to train in striking with the hands. Additionally, the studio offers personal training services, massage for people with tight muscles, stiff joints or injuries, and retail of Chinese medicated massage oils and high-end fighting gear from brands such as Ringside, which cannot be found anywhere else in Western Massachusetts.

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Park Square Realty announces top producers

Ted Cassell, president of Park Square Realty and manager of Park Square's Feeding Hills office, recently announced that Erica Herbert, Tim Coughlen and Kim Landry were the Feeding Hills office's top-producing agents for the first quarter of 2015.

Barry Boccasile, director of growth and development, and manager of the Westfield Park Square office, announced the top

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SPORTS

GIRLS LACROSSE

Lady Brownies dominate Terriers

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – It's going to be a quick and intense regular season for the Agawam girls lacrosse team as they got started a week late and took the field in victories over East Longmeadow and West Springfield.

Agawam has shown the ability to do two things well: Play defense and score goals.

That was very evident for the Brownies as they scored all over the field in their home opener on Monday afternoon against West Springfield in a 19-3 drubbing.

Agawam is showing a lot of depth to start the season with seven different players registering goals and the defense creating many turnovers in the game. Agawam's defense was so tough that goalie Kristina Tran only needed to make one save to get the victory.

Agawam was hot from the get-go with Katie Martin and Ju-

lia Serra picking up where the left off last season. Both scored early in the game and then kept the momentum going throughout the first half.

Serra would finish with six goals and Martin had five goals and an assist.

Jackie Nielsen and Gianna Signorelli both scored goals in the first half as well and Agawam jumped out to a 13-2 lead.

Serra started out early scoring the first and second goals of the game for the Brownies. Martin then got in on the act with the third and fourth goals to give Agawam a big advantage. Midway through the first half, Nina Bruno notched a score, then Martin came back with her third goal of the game to get the hat trick.

Marissa Ewing would also score later in the first half and Nielsen had both of her goals in the half. Serra would finish the half with her fourth goal of the

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Eliza Timms restarts play from behind the goal. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

BOYS LACROSSE

Panthers nip Brownies at end

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – It took an extra week, but the boys lacrosse team finally opened up the regular season last Tuesday. They followed that with a game Friday and are 1-1 to start the regular season.

Coach Joseph Heney said the extended spring and the longer time in the Agawam High School parking lot while waiting for the fields to be playable was both bad and good for the team.

It was tough with some limits, but good for building team unity and toughness.

Last Friday afternoon, the Brownies suffered their first loss of the season, getting outlasted at Spec Pond in Wilbraham against Cathedral, 9-8.

Agawam held the lead late in the game, but Cam Peritz and Riley Prattson each scored for the Panthers and the Cathedral defense held Agawam scoreless in the final 6:00 to take the victory.

Neither team had a lead of more than two goals at any point, though Agawam held more leads throughout the game. Agawam and Cathedral matched each other after one quarter and the teams were tied 3-3.

Agawam would then get the only goal of the second quarter to give the Brownies a 4-3 halftime lead.

Cathedral got that goal back in the third and matched the Brownies again to go into the fourth quarter with a 6-6 tie.

Agawam would go ahead early in the fourth quarter, but Cathedral's comeback iced the game



John Colwell heads for the goal with a West Springfield defender in pursuit. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

for the Panthers.

Chris Basile led the Brownies with three goals and Chris Breault and Elijah Bard had two goals each. Nick Hanchett added a goal. Tahhir Blair was very busy in the goal with 14 saves in the complete game effort.

Last Tuesday night, the Brownies opened up the regular season with a big victory over rival West Springfield, 14-8, at Clark Field.

The two teams played through cold and rainy weather and the Brownies jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter, only up 2-1.

After the slow start, Agawam really poured on the pressure and started scoring with frequency late in the second quarter. The Brownies got five goals in a matter of about 6:00 to take a commanding 7-1 lead.

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VOLLEYBALL

Agawam impressive in 4-0 opening stretch

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – While it is still very early and the Brownies have not faced a top contender in Western Massachusetts, they do look a lot like the team that has reached the state volleyball championships for the past two years.

Agawam jumped to 4-0 with victories over Putnam Voke and Holyoke during the past week.

Their first big test came up earlier this week against West Springfield. The Brownies will also be facing their big rivals Chicopee Comp, Minnechaug and Westfield.

Jeff Leclerc had an amazing game last Friday afternoon

against the Knight as he recorded a career-high 24 kills for Agawam. He would led a charge that would be a clean sweep against Holyoke in three games.

Agawam dominated the first two games of the set, but had to work a little bit harder and outlasted the Knights in the final game 28-26.

Agawam had wins of 25-16 then 25-9 in the first two games.

The Brownies had every aspect of the game going for them against a young Holyoke team. Kris Page and Anthony Frigo added three kills each.

On defense, Roman Mogan had 17 digs while Frigo added 13 and Leclerc had 12.

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BASEBALL

Cathedral turns back Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – The new-look Brownies put out a great effort as they were finally able to take the baseball field in their regular season opener on Monday afternoon.

Unfortunately, it did not go Agawam's way despite a great start as they were defeated 8-6 by Cathedral in a tough matchup held at Forest Park in East Springfield.

Agawam fell behind as Cathedral touched up Cam Rivest for a run in the bottom of the first, but Agawam busted out the bats for a

five-run second inning that gave them a good lead in the early-going.

One of Agawam's newest additions, senior Anthony Basile had the big hit of the second inning, sending a gap-shot for a bases-clearing double. It was Basile's first hit for the varsity this season. Basile did not play for the team last season and was injured the year before.

Basile is getting ready to play football for Westfield State University, but decided to spend the spring playing baseball and providing Agawam with more catching and infield depth.

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game.

Even with some players off the bench in the game during the second half, Agawam was able to keep West Springfield off the scoreboard, limiting the Terriers to just one goal in the second half.

Last Wednesday, Agawam got to start the regular season on the artificial turf as they played at East Longmeadow in their season opener and picked up a 13-7 win.

Agawam struggled a bit early, but got the momentum going as the first half progress and exited the frame with a 7-2 lead.

East Longmeadow played better in the second half, but Agawam outlasted the Spartans in the second half as well.

Serra led the team with four goals and an assist. Eliza Timms and Martin each had three goals. Three others added a goal each. Tran had six saves in the net.

The marathon continues Thursday with a tough matchup against Longmeadow at 4 p.m. They will host Longmeadow on Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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Marissa Ewing keeps possession and looks for an open teammate. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Katie Martin battles for possession.

Date set for 2015 Jimmy Fund Jeffrey Vinick Memorial Golf Tournament

AGAWAM - The 36th Annual Jimmy Fund Golf Tournament/Jeffrey Vinick Memorial will take place Monday, June 15 at three area golf courses: Crestview Country Club in Agawam; The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick; and Ellington Ridge Country Club in Ellington, Conn.

Tournament organizers recently announced the 2015 sponsorship levels and they are as follows: Cart \$2,950; Bronze \$5,250; Silver \$7,500; Gold \$10,000; Platinum \$15,000; Platinum Plus \$20,000; Diamond \$25,000; and Double Diamond, \$50,000.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Ritter named to GNAC second team all-conference

WINTHROP - Wentworth sophomore setter and Feeding Hills resident Colin Ritter was recently named to the GNAC second team all-conference.

A First Team All-GNAC selection a season ago, Ritter averaged 9.82 assists, 1.62 digs, and 0.76 blocks per set this season. He was named the GNAC Offensive Player of the Week twice, the league's defensive player of the week twice, and was the ECAC Player of the Week once. Ritter had a career high 19 digs against MIT and twice matched his career high of six blocks. Through two seasons, Ritter is averaging 9.91 assists, 1.48 digs, and 0.68 blocks per set. He is first in program history in assists per set and his 1,963 assists are third on the program's all-time list.

Uschmann delivers RBI single for Simmons

NEWTON - Simmons senior designated player and Feeding Hills resident Jess Uschmann delivered an RBI single during a doubleheader sweep of Lasell on Monday, April 13.

Monahan takes first at Gravel Classic

WESTFIELD - Westfield State women's track and field competitor and Agawam graduate Ashley Monahan placed first in the 800 meters at the Jerry Gravel Classic on Saturday, April 11.

Wheeler places 15th

DARTMOUTH - The Nichols College golf team placed 10th at the Hampton Inn Collegiate Invite on Saturday, April 11 at Allendale Country Club. The Bison finished with a team score of 666 (+90).

Senior Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, - who shot a 75 on Friday - recorded an 87 on Saturday and finished in 15th place (162; +18).

Grassetti, Vecchiarelli come through for Lancers

WESTFIELD - Worcester State women's lacrosse senior and Feeding Hills resident Angela Grassetti had a hat trick and two assists, while freshman Alexis Vecchiarelli, of Agawam, finished with two goals in a 19-12 loss to Westfield State on Tuesday, April 7.

Local Boston Marathon runners

BOSTON - The annual running of the Boston Marathon will take place on Monday, April 20.

Listed below are the individual runners from the area who have qualified.

BIB	NAME	AGE	TOWN
28577	Elise L. Carrier	40	Feeding Hills
14068	Richard S. Clark	61	Feeding Hills
31292	Nick D'Angelo	33	Agawam
7118	Michael Lescarbeau	44	Agawam
10564	Kevin M. Pfau	55	Feeding Hills

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On the service line, Moka had five aces, Page had three and Leclerc added two.

Garrett Hollander, who has been providing a lot of assists from the setting position, had 17 in another fine effort. Sophomore Connor McAnanama also got into the match, and recorded 16 assists for the Brownies.

Hollander had another huge game against Putnam as he put up 38 assists in the three-game set last Thursday afternoon.

Leclerc had 21 kills for the Brownies and Agawam won games of 25-20, 25-14, and 25-13.

In the young season, Agawam has defeated Sabis, Belchertown, Putnam and Holyoke. Agawam has not been defeated in a game so far this season, with Holyoke coming the closest so far.

The Brownies have been getting great results from a system that has included a lot of hard work during spring practices and a work ethic assistant coach Kevin Pender has been pushing into the younger Brownies.

Agawam is definitely rebuilding, but the boys volleyball program continues to develop talent and Agawam has the chance to continue contending for a Western Massachusetts championship even with a younger starting lineup.

Agawam has won two straight sectional titles and won the state championship two years ago. They graduated five of their seven starters from last year.

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Chris Basile makes an approach from behind the goal. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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The Brownies did not slow down with five more goals in the third quarter to take a 12-1 lead. At that point, Agawam played their second string to get players some time, where West Springfield was able to put a few more points on the board with the game out of reach.

John Colwell led the scoring charge with six goals and two assists. Bard and Basile had three goals each. Bard also contributed five assists for eight total points in the game. Breault and Nick Hanchett had a goal each. Blair made eight saves in the goal.

Agawam gets back to business Friday, hosting Westfield at 4 p.m.

Football stars honored at banquet

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

REGION – Last Sunday afternoon, some of the best and brightest players in Western Massachusetts football were honored at both the high school and college levels at the 53rd Annual Scholar-Athletes Awards Dinner held on the campus of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Among the special award recipients were Minnechaug Regional High School’s Zach Wawrzyk and Chicopee High’s Tony Slaughter.

Wawrzyk was the recipient of the Archie Roberts Award, which is given to an outstanding scholar-athlete and the school they represent.

Wawrzyk said he was very proud to be representing the players from his team and the school in receiving the award. He is an offensive linesman, playing the right guard position. He is 6 foot, 3 inches and weighs 275 pounds. He was very proud to be recognized by the Western Massachusetts chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, especially since he plays a position that is not often recognized.

“I have been playing football for a long time,” said Wawrzyk. “It has always been a part of my life, and I have always been linesman because I was bigger and weighed more. But I enjoy it and I really hope to continue there.”

Wawrzyk was part of a Minnechaug team that reached the tournament last fall and lost to Longmeadow in the Division II semifinals.

Wawrzyk is also an A-student and will be heading to Division I Holy Cross of Worcester in the fall, where he hopes to continue his football career.

He was pulled up to varsity during his freshman year, then was a starter on the line for past three years. He hopes to pursue medicine while in college and said it is important to be a good student. He would like to be a surgeon when he finishes school.

Slaughter was one of several players recognized for his exemplary grades as a part of the All-Academic Team with a small handful of players from the region.

“Football is not going to last forever for me,” said Slaughter. “I want to be able to be able to do something later on in life with my brain. So it has always been very important for

me to get good grades.”

Slaughter was a multi-purpose player for the Pacers, which missed the playoffs by one game. Slaughter was a quarterback/running back on offense and also played safety on defense.

He is leaning toward attending Bryant College and says he may pursue being a safety or a slot receiver or work on special teams to start with.

He said he appreciates being selected for his grades and his family is very proud.

“My parents have always encouraged me to get good grades and they are really happy to be here,” said Slaughter. “It goes to show sports are not the only thing that is important. But I did have a great career on the football field.”

The evening also honored numerous players from around the region for their accomplishments on the football field. Players from Agawam, Ludlow, Minnechaug, Holyoke, Chicopee, Chicopee Comprehensive, South Hadley, Belchertown, Ware, Palmer, and Pathfinder were given All-Western Mass honors.

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Rivest took his four-run lead and ran with it for two innings, holding off the Panthers for a little while. But the Panthers were able to come back and put up three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to trail 5-4.

Rivest would leave the game and handed the ball to Tym Regnier, who was touched up for a pair of runs and Agawam fell behind 6-5.

The Brownies would fall further behind in the sixth with another pair of runs scoring off Griffin Gadreault, pitching in his first game since being hurt last year.

Agawam was able to get one run back in the top of the seventh, but the rest of their threat was extinguished.

Rivest went the first four innings and allowed just one hit. He had some control issues, walking seven hitters. He allowed four runs and had five strikeouts.

Regnier allowed two runs on two hits and walked two with a strikeout mixed in. Gadreault allowed one run on four hits and struck out two in his one inning of work.

Basile went 1-for-4 with a double and three RBIs. Rivest tried to help his own cause with a 2-for-3 day. He had a double and scored two runs for Agawam. He was also hit by a pitch. Luke Rheault went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored. Dalton Drummond also had a hit.

In his first game, senior, college-committed, and major league-scouted Seamus Curran went 0-for-3 with a walk.

The Brownies had to turn right around and face West Springfield Tuesday. They are scheduled to face East Longmeadow on the road Thursday at 4 p.m.

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 - 15. Brief ad or notice
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 - 18. Rough gemstone
 - 20. Annual grass of Europe and N Africa
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 - 22. Suspiciousness
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 - 30. In a way, built up
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 - 38. Divides evenly into
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 - 47. Whale ship captain
 - 49. Scientific workplace
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 - 55. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 56. 7th Greek letter
 - 57. Peoples of the Middle East
 - 59. Height x width
 - 60. A way to drench
 - 61. Artificial waterway
 - 62. Possessed
 - 63. Turns into noun
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 - 6. Fixes
 - 7. A member of the Beat Generation
 - 8. Arm bones
 - 9. Abel’s brother (Bible)
 - 10. Small Island (British)
 - 12. __ Dhab, Arabian capital
 - 14. Egyptian cobras
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 - 24. Foreigners
 - 25. Stab
 - 26. Frost a cake
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- 29. Famished
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 - 35. Doctors’ group
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 - 39. Bad water disease
 - 40. Given
 - 41. Favorite
 - 42. Lift
 - 44. Discuss opposing points
 - 45. Bleated
 - 46. Swedish rock group
 - 47. Indian housemaid
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 - 51. Insect secretion used in shellac
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 - 53. Source of the Blue Nile
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HCC annual Red Sox trip to Fenway slated

HOLYOKE - The Holyoke Community College baseball program third annual fundraiser Boston Red Sox bus trip to Fenway Park will take place on Sunday, June 14.

The game against the Toronto Blue Jays will start at 1:35 p.m.

The cost is \$85, which includes deluxe motor coach transportation, right field grandstand ticket and snacks and soft drinks.

Payment in full due by May 1.

The bus departs from the Bartley Fitness Center at Holyoke Community College at 10 a.m. and leaves Fenway Park one half hour after the conclusion of the game.

Should there be a rainout prior to departure, the trip will be rescheduled according to the makeup date. Should the game get rained out while in transit or at the park, you would keep your tickets and be responsible for your own transportation to the makeup game.

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Obituaries

Cynthia E. Ayre, 56

Cynthia "Cindy" E. Ayre, 56, of Agawam, passed away peacefully on April 10, 2015, surrounded by loving family and friends.

Beloved daughter of the late Anthony Ayre, Cindy leaves behind her mother, Mary Leonora Ayre of Agawam;



Cynthia Ayre

sisters Kathryn Ayre of Feeding Hills, Linda Hadden and husband Robert of Agawam, and Jennifer Ayre of Belchertown; and brother Timothy Ayre and girlfriend Gina and his daughter Cassandra, all of Agawam. She leaves her sons Nicholas Krolicki and fiancée Valerie of Quincy, and Benjamin Krolicki of Agawam. She leaves nieces Shauna Hadden and daughter Ava, and Lindsey DeFilipi and husband Michael and their son Bodie. She also leaves her best friend, Marilyn Perault.

Born in Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, N.C., June 28, 1958, Cindy attended Agawam High School and later graduated from Springfield Technical Community College. Cindy had a very successful career with Ayre Real Estate for almost 25 years. She loved people and she loved helping them through the buying and selling process. She contributed so much to her

community and local board of Realtors. Cindy's achievements include Realtor of the Year, president of the Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley, president of the Agawam Small Business Association, and president of the Business and Professional Women's Association, among other affiliations and organizations.

Not only was she an exceptional Realtor, she was an amazing person loved by her family, friends, co-workers and clients. Though she will no longer have a physical presence in their lives, she will live in their hearts forever.

Arrangements were handled by Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main St., Agawam. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cindy's memory to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place W., 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445.

Millicent L. Barnard, 92

Millicent L. Barnard, of Feeding Hills, passed away peacefully at her home on April 6, 2015, surrounded by



Millicent Barnard

family, at the age of 92. She was a caring and loving woman who always saw the best in people.

Millicent leaves behind five children, Dr. Dianne Barnard

of Alabama, Janice Lafrance of Southwick, David Barnard of Florida, Rick and Laura Barnard of Williamsburg, and Mark and Rita Barnard of Southwick; along with 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, whom she adored. She was married for over 40 years, to the late Ralph Barnard.

She spent most of her life in Feeding Hills not far from where she grew up. In 1976, she graduated from STCC as an R.N. and went on to enjoy an emotionally rewarding career as a night shift nurse at Heritage Hall in Agawam. She retired at the age of 75. In her later years, she enjoyed sunny days working in the gardens she loved, and spent time reading on her porch swing. She made many friends at the Agawam Senior Center, eventually becoming the Chapter 1 president. Millicent was a wonderful writer, and spent a great deal of time writing on her computer. She was very proud of a book she wrote about her childhood, and considered it to be one of her greatest accomplishments.

Per her wishes, there will be a memorial service for her at the Agawam Senior Center on May 2 at noon. The family wishes to extend its heartfelt appreciation to Beverly Sheridan, and thanks to Baystate Hospice for their kindness and loving care. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Dakin Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 6307, Springfield, MA 01101.

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DEATH NOTICES

Ayre, Cynthia E.
Died April 10, 2015
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home
Agawam

Barnard, Millicent L.
Died April 6, 2015
Memorial Service May 2, 2015
Agawam Senior Center

Bradley, Russell F., Jr.
Died Sunday, April 5, 2015
Funeral April 10, 2015
Agawam Funeral Home

Daniels, Stephen W.
Died April 4, 2015
Memorial Service April 10, 2015
Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home
Agawam

Polumbo, Angelo A.
Died April 9, 2015
Funeral April 13, 2015
Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home

Posocco, Mario A.
Died April 12, 2015
Funeral April 15, 2015
Introigne Funeral Home, Inc.
Stafford Springs

Church Directory

AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

745 Main St., Agawam
786-7111
Pastor: Rev. Greg E. Dawson
Agawam1@verizon.net
www.agawamcongregationalchurch.com

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agawamumc@gmail.com
www.agawamworship.org

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Offsite Worship:
Heritage East, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.
Heritage North, 1st Tuesdays, 11 a.m.
Heritage Woods, 1st Mondays, 11 a.m.
Country Estates, 2nd and 5th Thursdays, 11 a.m.

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Pastor: Rick Donofrio

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Coffee & Conversation following worship service

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Feeding Hills
789-2026

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522 Springfield St., Feeding Hills
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David L. Short, Pastor

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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayer, 7 p.m.

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www.SacredHeartFeedingHills.org
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WEEKLY SERVICES

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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www.stjohnnagawam.org

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Reconciliation: Fridays, 7:15 to 8 a.m., Saturdays, 4 to 4:45 p.m.
Weekdays: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri., 8 a.m.
Thursday: Communion Service



St. John's to host Ogunquit trip

St. John's Travel Club will host a three-day trip to Ogunquit, Maine, June 15-17. Cost for the trip is \$449 per person, double occupancy; \$439 per person, triple occupancy; and \$599 per person, single occupancy.

The package includes roundtrip motor coach, wine and cheese welcome greeting, two nights at the Meadowmere Resort in Ogunquit, two breakfasts and two dinners, a show at the Ogunquit Playhouse, Lighthouse Picture Shop, Kittery shops, a visit to Perkins Cove, guided tour of Portland, Maine, a visit to Lenney Libby's Chocolates, baggage handling, meal tips and taxes and driver's gratuities.

Cancellation insurance is \$39 per person and must be purchased at sign-up. The balance is due by May 11. The bus will depart St. John's Church, 833 Main St., Agawam, at 7 a.m. For reservations, call Emile Cote at 413-335-9440.

Tickets available for chicken supper

The Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., will host a chicken pie supper on Saturday, April 18, at 5:30 p.m. The menu will include chicken pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, cranberry sauce, salad, rolls and butter, coffee, tea, milk and dessert.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased in the church office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to noon, at coffee hour and at the door.

Family craft day set for April 25

Forastiere Family Funeral & Cremation will host a Family Craft Day this month.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 25, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main St., Agawam. Refreshments will be served. All are invited to create gifts for Mother's and Father's Day, for teachers and grandparents, as a remembrance of a lost loved one or a simple thank you.

"This is the time of year when we are celebrating Mother's Day and Father's Day," said Frank Forastiere, president and funeral director of Forastiere Family Funeral & Cremation. "As part of our commitment to our community, we wanted to offer families a fun and creative way to mark those holidays, regardless of whether or not they have lost a loved one."

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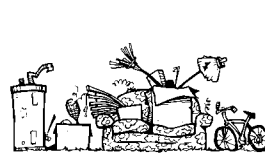
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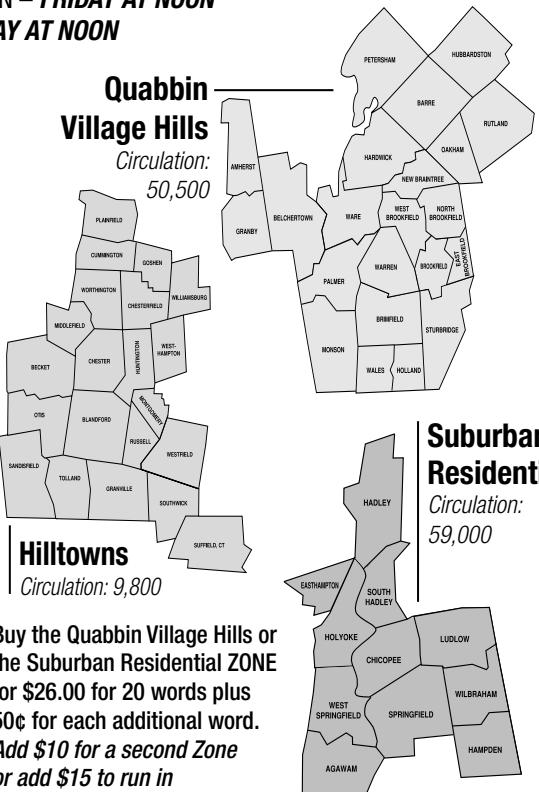
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"Cranky Yankees" played to a full house at the Agawam Public Library last Friday evening. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

Historical Yankees hold court at library

By Mike Lydick
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New England history came alive in Agawam last Friday night when four "Cranky Yankees" shared the same stage — and the same body.

Actor and writer Jim Cooke performed a one-man show at the Agawam Public Library that compared and contrasted four divergent, but prominent, men who played important roles in Massachusetts and American history.

For an hour, Cooke captivated an audience of about 80 people with his characterizations of Edward Everett, Calvin Coolidge, Daniel Webster and John Quincy Adams. Transitioning between this quartet of historical figures, the Quincy resident performed on a small stage at the Agawam Public Library sur-

rounded by the audience on all sides.

Cooke began developing this concept of bringing historical figures to life in 1985 when he performed as Coolidge, a Northampton mayor and Massachusetts governor before serving as president in the 1920s. He then added Everett and Webster, both orators, diplomats and prominent U.S. Senators from Massachusetts in the years before the Civil War. Adams — a Massachusetts native, son of a Founding Father and the country's sixth president — is his newest persona.

During his performance in Agawam, Cooke did not use any costumes to become each person. Instead, he relied on the words of the four as well facial and hand gestures to convey their personalities.

The free public event on April 10 was part of the Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series.



Jim Cooke answers questions from the audience after the performance.



"Cranky Yankee" Daniel Webster (1782-1852), a congressman, Senator and U.S. Secretary of State, as portrayed by Jim Cooke.



Southwick resident Terry Phelon was among 80 people from Agawam and surrounding communities who filled the Agawam Public Library for Jim Cooke's solo performance of a quartet of historical New England notables.



Cooke portrays his newest persona, John Quincy Adams (1767-1848), the nation's sixth president, also a congressman, Senator, diplomat and U.S. Secretary of State.

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